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Officers Studying in
Italian Military Acad-
emies.

ROUTE OF THE GREAT TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY.

(AFTERNOON ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAMS.)

LONDON, October 13.—The Japanese Minister states that the situation in the Japanese and Russian dispute is taking a more reassuring aspect.

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 13.—At a meeting of the Cabinet today Secretary of State Hay announced that the Eastern situation was not alarming at the present time.

ROME, October 13.—Forty-five Japanese officers who have been attending the various military academies and other institutions in Italy have been recalled home by order of the Japanese Government.

ST. PETERSBURG, October 13.—The Russian Government has announced officially that the Manchurian incident is closed and that the situation in Korea is now the point of dispute.

The War Department has begun the transportation of 50,000 additional troops to the East. The present strength of Russian forces in Siberia and Manchuria is announced as 283,000 men.

The cable dispatch that Russia has a force of 283,000 men in the Far East at the present time and that fifty thousand more are on the way constitutes a startling piece of intelligence.

In addition to these troops Russia has about two and one half million male subjects in Eastern Siberia who are liable for service in the army in case of war. With this vast force, splendid fortifications in disputed Manchuria, a marvellous railway operating from

St. Petersburg to Manchuria, and a big fleet at Port Arthur it is but little wonder that Russia should say "officially" that the Manchurian question is now a settled matter and that the point in dispute is Korea. Russia has an army in Siberia equal to the one stationed there at the close of the Boxer war. Instead of withdrawing from Manchuria after the close of the Boxer struggle she remained and now practically announces that she is there to stay.

The great army of Viceroy Alexieff has been moved from European Russia over a distance of about six thousand miles. This great coup has been accomplished solely through the Trans-Siberian railway, an undertaking that thirteen years ago existed only in the minds of Russian engineers. If the Trans-Siberian Railway was privately owned, and Russia had been obliged to pay for the transport of these soldiers, their supplies, horses, munitions of war, and all of the incidentals which have to be moved with a great army, it would have cost the treasury the gigantic sum of twenty-five million dollars.

The map shows the route of the railway and the great stretch of country surrounding it and also a large portion of China, called Mongolia. It is this latter territory that Russia really wants. At the present time her troops in Manchuria, Siberia, and Turkestan entirely surround Mongolia on three sides. At any time that Viceroy Alexieff has any difficulty with China he can send his hordes of Cossacks into Mongolia and as that country is so well shut out from other foreign powers it would be months before the rest of the civilized world would learn that Russia had gobbled it up.

METEOROLOGICAL SUMMARY
FOR SEPTEMBER, 1903

Temperature mean for the month, 77.5; normal, 77.3; average daily maximum, 83.0; average daily minimum, 72.6; mean daily range, 10.3; greatest daily range, 14 degrees (22d and 24th); least daily range, 6 degrees (30th); highest temperature, 84; lowest, 69 degrees.

Barometer average, 29.991; normal, 29.968; highest, 30.08 (5th and 6th); lowest, 29.90 (13th); greatest 24-hour change, that is from any given hour of one day to the same hour on the next, .05; "lows" passed this point, 12th, 13th and 16th; "highs" 5th and 6th.

Relative humidity average, 69.7; normal, 68.5; mean dew point, 66.1; normal, 66.0; mean absolute moisture, 6.96 grains per cubic foot; normal, 7.06. Rainfall, 5.74 inches; normal, 1.98; rain record days 19; normal, 18; greatest rainfall in one day, 2.32 inches (from 9 a. m. 23d, to 9 a. m. 24th); total at Luakaha, 20.97 inches; normal, 10.21; at Kapiolani park, 1.86; normal, 0.38.

The artesian well level fell during the month from 33.30 to 33.10 feet above mean sea level. September 30th, 1902, it stood at 32.95. The average daily mean sea level for the month was 9.64, the assumed annual mean being 10 feet above datum. For September, 1902, it was 9.72.

Trade wind days, 30 (two of NNE); normal, 26; average force of wind during daylight, Beaufort scale, 2.3; average cloudiness, tenths of sky, 3.5; normal, 4.0.

Approximate percentages of district rainfall as compared with normal: Hawaii; Hilo district, 158 per cent.; Hamakua, 118; Kohala, 108; Waimea, 115; Kona, 113; Kau, 67; Puna, 152. Island of Maui, 330, except at Haleakala ranch, 838 per cent. Oahu, variable, from 74 at Kahuku to 500 at Kapiolani park. Kauai, 135 per cent. The heaviest 24-hour rainfalls for the month were at Kaunapali, Hawaii, 6.91 (29th); Elele, Kauai, 6.22 (29th); and West Lualaba, Kauai, 5.90 (30th). The heaviest monthly rainfall reported was at Wahiawa Mountain, Kauai, 22.50 inches.

TEMPERATURE TABLE.

Hawaii.	Ele.	Max.	Min.	Av.	H. L.
Hilo	40	83.4	68.7	75.4	86
Pepeekeo	100	78.5	70.8	74.0	82
Kohala	521	80.0	68.3	73.5	85
Waimea	2730	73.4	61.9	67.0	82
Volvo House	4000	71.9	54.6	62.6	76
Maui.					
Waikaloa	2700	82.5	60.4	71.3	92
Oahu.					
U. S. Mag. Sta.	50	87.1	70.2	78.0	89
Kinai St.					
(Castle's)	50	82.9	72.9	77.2	85
U. S. Exp. Sta.	350	84.2	71.2	77.0	87
Kohala, dew point, 67.1; relative humidity, 78.8; trade wind days, 30.					
U. S. Magnetic Station, dew point, 66; relative humidity, 69.					

There has been a marked absence of southerly winds during the past four months, but two days with wind from that direction since the first of June and while southerly winds are rare during these months, this is an unusual record.

The heavy rainfall of the early evening of the 23d (2.32 inches falling at the Weather Bureau in three hours) was local and confined to Honolulu and

vicinity. This downpour was more in the nature of a cloudburst than an ordinary rainfall. It was preceded by very clear weather, followed in the late afternoon by a rapid clouding over and a sudden torrential downpour lasting for three hours, when it ceased almost as suddenly as it began leaving a clear starlit sky.

Thunder and lightning accompanied the rainfall at Honolulu on the evening of the 28th. The precipitation of the last three days of the month extended over the whole group.

Bright afterglow at Honolulu 14th to 15th inclusive, and brilliant sheet lightning in the south on the evening of the 29th.

Pepeekeo, Hawaii, reports lightning on the 27th, and frequent thunder on the 28th; heavy surf 7th to 9th inclusive, 14th, 15th, 27th and 28th.

Waimea, Hawaii, fine glow all the month; snowing on Mauna Loa and Mauna Kea 28th, and mountains heavily capped on 29th; fresh and strong trade winds with gale 10th and 11th.

Hilo reports earthquake on the 1st at 7:16 p. m.; thunder and lightning 28th.

R. C. LYDECKER,
Acting Territorial Meteorologist.

RAINFALL FOR SEPTEMBER, 1903.

Stations—	Ft.	Inches
HAWAII.	Elev.	Rain
Hilo.		
Waikaloa	50	13.46
Kaunapali	1250	21.52
Pepeekeo	100	12.90
Hakalau	200	14.98
Honohina	300	15.33
Puuohua	1050	19.54
Laupahoehoe	500	10.01
Ookala	400	6.75
Hamakua.		
Kukui	250	2.43
Paauilo	300	1.89
Paauhau	300	1.83

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